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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the State was 49.0 degrees, 0.7 degrees below normal for the week ending Sunday, May 8, 2005. Precipitation averaged 0.06 inches, 0.82 inches below normal. Modified growing degree days was 39, 27 degree days below normal.

Reporters rated 3.0 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, May 6, 2005. Days suitable for field work is up 2.7 days from the previous week but 0.8 days below last year. Compared to the 2000-2004 five year average, the current week is down 1.4 days. Topsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 22 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2005	3.0	0.3	17.9
2004	3.8	3.7	15.2
2000-2004 Average	4.4	3.6	17.4

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	0	1	77	22
Last Week	0	0	31	69
Same Week Last Year	0	2	64	34
2000-2004 Average	1	11	67	22

CROP PROGRESS AND FIELD ACTIVITIES WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2005

Corn growers have 70 percent of their crop planted, compared to 61 percent last year and 58 percent for the 2000-2004 five-year average. This is 4 days ahead of last year and

5 days ahead of the five-year average. Eleven percent of the corn has emerged. This is 9 percentage points behind 2004, and 5 percentage points behind the five year average. Reporters estimate that **Winter Wheat** is 82 percent jointed, which is 4 percentage points behind last year and 5 percentage points below the 2000-2004 five year average. Oats are 94 percent planted. This is 12 days ahead of last year and 7 days ahead of the five-year average. Respondents estimate that 63 percent of oats have emerged. This is 7 days ahead of the previous year and 1 day ahead of the 2000-2004 average. **Soybean** producers have 27 percent of their crop planted, which is 1 day behind last year and 2 days behind the five-year average. Approximately 72 percent of the **Potato** crop has been planted. This is 9 days ahead of last year, and 11 days ahead of the 2000-2004 average.

Apples are 99 percent in green tip and 73 percent in full bloom, compared to 97 percent in green tip and 89 percent in full bloom last year. **Peaches** are 99 percent in green tip and 73 percent in full bloom, compared to 98 and 87 percent respectively in 2004.

After a week of wet weather, operators are back in their fields planting. Other than planting, operators field activities were spraying and equipment maintenance. The majority of reporting stations had one or two nights with temperatures below 32 degrees. Some report damage to fruit crops, but the extent of the damage is unknown at this time. Most report that field crops were unaffected by the cold weather, since most crops have not emerged.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Not much was mentioned, by reporters, concerning winter wheat and hay fields, other than the cool wet weather has slowed the growth in fields. Reporters indicate the need for warmer drier weather to improve condition of these crops. Winter wheat is rated as 78 percent good to excellent. Hay fields are rated 71 percent good to excellent. Livestock are fine, conditions are 98 percent fair to excellent.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY MAY 8

Crop	2005	2004	2000-2004 Avg	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Apples in green tip and beyond	99	99	97	94	NA
Apples blooming	73	91	89	42	NA
Corn planted	70	61	58	58	52
Corn emerged	11	20	16	3	13
Oats planted	94	81	88	86	79
Oats emerged	63	52	62	36	51
Peaches in green tip and beyond	99	98	97	91	NA
Peaches blooming	73	87	90	53	NA
Potatoes Planted	72	56	53	54	NA
Soybeans Planted	27	27	30	17	8
Soybeans Emerged	3	NA	NA	NA	NA
Winter Wheat Jointed	82	86	87	58	NA
Winter Wheat Headed	1	3	3	0	30

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 8					
APPLES	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	8	26	53	12
Previous Week	1	6	24	55	14
Previous Year	5	3	26	49	17
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	2	26	56	15
Previous Week	1	5	21	58	15
Previous Year	0	4	25	55	16
LIVESTOCK	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	2	14	66	18
Previous Week	1	2	15	64	18
Previous Year	1	2	16	63	18
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	5	24	52	18
Previous Week	1	6	26	53	14
Previous Year	1	3	24	56	16
PEACHES	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	10	15	28	38	9
Previous Week	10	9	28	41	12
Previous Year	10	4	23	46	17
WINTER WHEAT	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	3	18	55	23
Previous Week	1	3	19	56	21
Previous Year	1	3	20	55	21

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY MAY 8										
Region	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	48.3	-7.0	0.08	-0.59	3.09	-1.03	38	-24	246	7
North Central	48.1	-6.7	0.04	-0.66	5.08	0.97	32	-27	224	-3
Northeast	47.0	-6.8	0.16	-0.54	5.14	0.94	31	-27	204	-19
West Central	49.4	-6.8	0.05	-0.79	4.55	-0.09	38	-27	265	0
Central	49.6	-6.8	0.04	-0.86	4.81	0.22	42	-26	290	9
Central Hills	48.1	-6.7	0.03	-0.80	4.63	0.15	34	-27	239	-10
Northeast Hills	47.3	-7.9	0.06	-0.74	4.54	0.22	32	-31	228	-34
Southwest	50.8	-6.7	0.02	-1.10	4.30	-1.04	47	-25	302	-2
South Central	50.8	-7.0	0.06	-1.03	5.15	0.55	48	-28	329	-11
Southeast	49.2	-7.3	0.05	-0.95	4.89	0.35	42	-28	296	-6
STATE	49.0	-7.0	0.06	-0.82	4.59	0.08	39	-27	266	-6

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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